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SUBJECT: DETAINED AMCIT MISSIONARIES

1. SINCE ARRIVING HERE ON OCT 26, I HAVE TAKEN SPECIAL CARE TO KEEP THE THREE DETAINED US MISSIONARIES INFORMED OF OUR SITUATION AND OF OUR EFFORTS TO REQUEST FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMATION ON THEIR CASES AND AUTHORIZATION TO VISIT THEM. THIS HAS BEEN DONE THROUGH MRS. MICHELE MILAM, WIFE OF UN-AFFILIATED MISSIONARY DONALD LEE MILAM.

2. MY FIRST PERSONAL CALL AFTER ARRIVAL WAS TO MRS. MILAM. SHE WAS MY FIRST DINNER GUEST, AND SHE REPRESENTED RESIDENT PRIVATE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT OUR OPENING NOVEMBER 8. (OF OTHER MEMBERS OF SEVEN-PERSON PRIVATE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE, THREE ARE IN JAIL AND WE WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT REMAINING THREE ON SHORT NOTICE).

3. SINCE OUR OPENING, I HAVE ATTEMPTED EVERY DAY (EXCEPT ANGOLA INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAY) TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH PROTOCOL CHIEF TEMBE OR HIS DEPUTY TO DISCUSS MISSIONARIES AND OTHER (HOUSEKEEPING) SUBJECTS I HAVE NOT YET BEEN WBLE TALK TO ANY RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY ABOUT. YESTERDAY, (THURSDAY, NOV 13)

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WE WERE TOLD THAT TEMBE WAS OUT OF TOWN (AGWIN) AND WOULD

BE AWAY FOR "THREE OR FOUR DAYS". HIS DEPUTY AMARAL HAS ALSO BEEN UNAVAILABLE.

4. MRS. MILAM HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING COMPOSITE REPORT ON IMPRISONED MISSIONARIES: THEIR MORALE IS REMARKABLY GOOD, CONSIDERING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IS BOOSTED BY KNOWLEDGE OF USG'S INTEREST IN THEIR WELFARE. THEY ARE HEALTHY, NONE HAS BOTHERSOME MEDICAL PROBLEM, THEY EAT RELATIVELY WELL (THANKS TO HER COOKING, WHICH SHE DELIVERS ON AND BETWEEN VISITING DAYS), ARE ABLE TO EXERCISE AND HAVE SOME READING MATERIAL (ALTHOUGH BOTH THESE PRIVILEGES WERE TEMPORARILY CURTAILED), AND HAVE CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND ASSOCIATION THROUGHOUT THEIR LONG CELL BLOCK DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. AT NIGHT THEY ARE LOCKED IN CELL TOGETHER, APPARENTLY WITH TWO OTHERS, BUT ONLY TIME THEY ARE SO CRAMPED IS AT NIGHT.

5. MRS. MILAM IS ABLE VISIT THEM ON ALTERNATING AFTERNOONS ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS. HER LAST VISIT WAS NOVEMBER 8. SHE LINES UP WITH OTHER VISITORS BEGINNING AT 11 A.M. FOR 2:00 P.M. VISIT, AND EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL ASSERTIVENESS BY INDIVIDUAL GUARDS, IS TREATED WELL BY PRISON AUTHORITIES, TO WHOM SHE IS NOW FAMILIAR FIGURE.

6. I WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE EFFORTS TO VISIT THE MISSIONARIES, TO INQUIRE ABOUT CHARGES AGAINST THEM, AND TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER THEIR CONTINUED DETENTION. ON VISITING THEM, DRILL AS EXPLAINED BY TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR IS FOR TEMBE OR AN AIDE TO ACCOMPANY CONSULAR OFFICER TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, FROM WHICH CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE ACCOMPANIES BOTH TO THE PRISON.

7. I ALSO PROPOSE TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY:

QUOTE ... AND HAS THE HONOR TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER DETENTION IN THE CADEIA CIVIL IN LOURENCO MARQUES SINCE THE DAY OF THEIR ARREST NOTED BELOW:

NAME	ARRESTED
DONALD LEE MILAM	JULY 3, 1975

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ARMAND MILLARD DOLL	AUGUST 28, 1975
HUGHLON RAY FRIBERG	AUGUST 29, 1975

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE UNITED STATES CITIZENS, AND A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM, WAS GIVEN TO HIS EXCELLENCY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOAQUIM ALBERTO CHISSANO IN NEW YORK IN OCTOBER, 1975 BY OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. AT THAT TIME MINISTER

CHISSANO STATED THAT HE WOULD INQUIRE INTO THE MATTER UPON HIS RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE.

THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THIS INQUIRY AS WELL AS OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN THESE CASES. UNQUOTE

8. WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS DEPT MAY HAVE FOR ADDITIONAL OR REVISED LANGUAGE, BEARING IN MIND THAT GPRM IS NOT RPT NOT PARTY TO CIENNA CONVENTION AND HAS NOT YET ENTERED INTO CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY EXCEPT PORTUGAL. ARENALES

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